

- 17) I am fearless (2 Timothy 1:7, Psalm 23:4, Psalm 56:3-4)
 18) I am blessed (Ephesians 1:3, Matthew 5:1-48, 3 John 1:2)

- 4) Paraphrase the verse (put it in your own words). What does the verse mean?
 5) How does this apply to us personally?

Answer these same two questions for numbers 19-32 below.

- 19) I am righteous (Romans 1:5, 2 Corinthians 5:21)
 20) I am pure (1 John 3:3, 1 Peter 1:22)
 21) I am patient (1 Corinthians 13:4, Galatians 6:9)
 22) I am kind (Colossians 3:12, 1 Corinthians 13:4-5)
 23) I am covered in God's armor (Ephesians 6:10-18, Psalm 18:2)
 24) I am wrapped in God's arms (some translations say wings) (Psalm 91:4 TPT, Isaiah 25:4)
 25) I am heard (Psalm 116:1-2, 1 John 3:22)
 26) I am enough (2 Peter 1:3, 2 Corinthians 3:5, Colossians 2:10)
 27) I am not alone (Dt 31:6, Isaiah 54:10, Psalm 48:14, Psalm 46:1-2)
 28) I am healed (1 Peter 2:24, Isaiah 53:5, Psalm 147:3)
 29) I am accepted (Rom 15:7, Rom 8:14-19, Rom 8:34, Ephesians 1:3-6, Colossians 1:21-22)
 30) I have a future (Jeremiah 29:11, Romans 8:28, Philippians 1:6)
 31) I am at peace (Philippians 4:6-7, Psalm 23, Matthew 6, Psalm 94:19)
 32) I was created male or female (Genesis 1:27)

- 6) Which one of these impacts you the most and why?
 7) How can knowing your true identity in Christ help you untangle the lies you may believe about yourself?

CHAIR TIME TOOLS

This week read through 19-32 and the verses connected. Think about the following thoughts.

- 1) Who are you in Christ?
 2) Which one of these points is the most meaningful to you?
 3) Which one is the most challenging to believe?

If you find these questions helpful, we are offering Keys to Freedom beginning June 26. Scan the code to sign up.



The Stories That Remain

Pastor Craig Sweeney | May 14, 2023

“And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee...” Luke 4:14

Thread: The question of “IF” is tied to your walking in the power of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁴ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. Luke 4:14-15

What were the reports?

- Miraculous Baptism Scene
- Miraculous Healing
- Authoritative Teaching

The people were so excited to hear from God and to understand what was next.

The power of the Holy Spirit impacted Jesus in a number of ways.

Key Question: What about your life is being fueled by the Holy Spirit?

- Knowledge/Help... passing on to others.
- Presence
- Faith of the Father's will to be done...always a miracle.
- Intentionality of time and purpose

¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue

were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³ And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.'" ²⁴ And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵ But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶ and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹ And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰ But passing through their midst, he went away. Luke 4:16-30

This is the moment of choice: to recognize the work of God or we explain it away.

- **All the character, heart, miraculous work, and incredible insight was not enough to convince them Jesus was Messiah.**
- **They did not want to recognize the divine call on His life because it meant accepting a perspective they didn't already have.**

Key Question: Are you resisting the work of God in others' lives?

Key Question: Are you resisting the work God wants to do in your life?

Challenge:

- Is there something holding you back from stepping up into your identity? Time to exercise your faith for what God says.
- Is there someone that needs Peacemaking?

Life Group Homework

The Stories That Remain

Spring 2023 | Week 7

Message Date 5/14/2023

MY STORY



- 1) What was the worst haircut you ever had?
- 2) What is your cellphone wallpaper, and why?

QUICK REVIEW



- 3) What caught your attention from Sunday's message?

DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME



We did the first half of this list (1-18) last week, but I wanted to give you the complete list again. Please start the study at 19.

- 1) I am a Son/Daughter of God (Ephesians 1:5, Romans 8:14-19, Galatians 4:5-7, Psalm 27:10)
- 2) I am a child to the King of Kings (1 Peter 2:9, Galatians 4:5-7, John 1:12, Romans 8:14-19)
- 3) I am passionately loved (Romans 8:38, Psalm 56:8, Isaiah 43:4)
- 4) I am a new person in Christ (2 Cor 5:17, Isaiah 43:18-19)
- 5) I am not weary (Gal 6:9, 2 Thes 3:13, Matt 11:28, Psalm 94:19)
- 6) I can do all things through Christ (Phil 4:13, Dt 20:4, 1 Cor 15:57)
- 7) I am remarkably made (Ps 139:14, Ps 139:1-24, Gen 1:27)
- 8) I am extraordinary (Ephesians 2:10, Genesis 1:27)
- 9) I am provided for (Matthew 6:30-35, 2 Peter 1:3, Dt 20:4)
- 10) I am valuable (1 Peter 1:18-19, John 3:16, Psalm 56:8)
- 11) I am chosen (John 15:16, 1 Peter 2:9, Ephesians 1:4)
- 12) I am courageous (Deuteronomy 31:6, 2 Timothy 1:7)
- 13) I am a conqueror (Romans 8:37, Dt 20:4, 1 Corinthians 15:57)
- 14) I am strong (Dt 31:6, Ps 138:3, Isaiah 40:30-31, 2 Corinthians 12:10)
- 15) I am forgiven (1 John 1:9, Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 3:13)
- 16) I am blameless (Ephesians 1:4, 2 Corinthians 5:17)